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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference on Distribution Reforms held recently by FICCI and Power Grid Corporation;

(b) if so, the points discussed therein; and

(c) the decision taken in the Conference?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : A two days conference on `Distribution Reforms` was organized by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., (POWERGRID) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) under aegis of Ministry of Power on 12-13 October, 2001 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(b) : Conference discussed important issues pertaining to distribution such as Technical, regulatory, financial, legal, privatization and investment opportunities.

(c) : In the Conference, inter-alia, following recommendations/suggestions were made :-

(i) Each distribution feeder to be converted into profit centre.

(ii) Each distribution circle to be targeted for development.

(iii) Sub-transmission system to be upgraded and strengthened.

(iv) Metering, billing and collection to be completed for every consumers.

(v) Detailed energy accounting and audit to be carried out to segregate technical and commercial losses.

(vi) Transition support to be provided to the reforming utilities.

(vii) Regulators to be made part of the reform process through multi-year tariff framework and

(viii) Modern techniques like SCADA (Supervising, Control and Data Acquisition System) and GIS (Geographic Information System) be made use of for efficient management system.